

Southwestern fire ant (*Solenopsis xyloni*)

- ❑ Native to southern U.S.A., including CA.
- ❑ Hosts: Colonies occur in desert areas and around buildings. The ants feed on insect remains, fruits, vertebrate carrion, seeds, nectar and honeydew.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult about 3-5 mm long, **brown to reddish**, abdominal pedicel with **2 nodes**; antenna with **10 segments** and **2-segmented club**. They can be distinguished from RIFA by the **lack** of a dark vertical mark between antennal bases and the presence of **2 clypeal teeth** (3 in Red imported fire ant).

